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REMARKS

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1. In August 1951, no aircraft were observed at Hradiste-Kunovice (P 50/T 09) airfield which was being improved. The following work was in progress:

- a. An east-west runway, about 90 x 1,300 meters, of which an eastern strip of about 150 meters was not yet concreted. This runway sloped slightly to the sides. At the east end of this runway, an area 50 x 400 meters was excavated to a depth of about 50 centimeters. The west of the runway bordered on a concrete surface about 150 x 400 meters. A three-story building, probably the flight control building and administrative building, was located in the northwestern corner of this area.
- b. A north-south runway, about 110 x 1,400 meters, was excavated and filled with broken stones. Work was discontinued in March 1951.
- c. According to the workers, another concrete runway was to be constructed across the field, i.e. in a NE-SW direction.
- d. A taxiway, about 50 x 1,500 meters, extended about parallel to the western edge of the field toward the northwestern corner of the installation. From this corner, a new asphalt road about 9 meters wide runs through an iron gate and across the reinforced concrete bridge to Uh. Hradiste. This road has been used since late 1950.
- e. Four hangars were along the western edge of the taxiway. The two northern hangars, steel structures with brick nogging, were completed. They housed workshops 10 meters wide. Of the southern hangars only the steel structures were completed.
- f. A refuelling installation consisting of six pumps was located in the south-western corner of the field. Two concrete approach lanes about 15 meters wide led to this installation. Five unoccupied barracks buildings were in the northwestern section of the field. Two of them were still under construction.

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- g. The old bed of the Olava River was being filled up. A brook in the southeastern section of the field was piped through concrete pipes of 3 meters in diameter. The entire field was being drained by brick pipes which were about 100 mm in diameter and laid about 55 mm underground. A drainage system of concrete pipes was under construction along the western edge of the field. The material needed for construction work at the field was stored at Uh. Hradiste railroad station and was guarded by soldiers. *
3. The aircraft plant along the east end of the field, which was previously called Avia, had the Czech designation "Tovarna na letadla ..." (one word is missing), n.p., Praha, zaved Uh. Hradiste." The plant area was separated from the field by a concrete wall, about 3 meters high, having barbed wire on top. Construction work was allegedly planned to be performed in this plant. **
4. A radio transmitter which, according to technical personnel employed there, was to be a radar station was under construction 8 km northeast of Uh. Hradiste near Topolna (P 50/O 10). ***

* [] Comment. Since a previous report contained information on large scale improvement work at Kunovice airfield, it is believed that the present report is generally correct. [] Although the individual statements of this report cannot be checked, the reported locations of the installations appear suitable. However, the width of the runways seems to be overestimated. For location of the individual installations, see Annex 1.

** [] Comment. According to a previous report, a repair shop of the Avia plant is located in Kunovice. Aircraft and engines of the Czechoslovakian Air Force are repaired there. The construction of a new workshop, used as a holding plant, and an additional assembly shop in 1949 indicate that the planned improvement of this plant as a manufacturing plant was probably started.

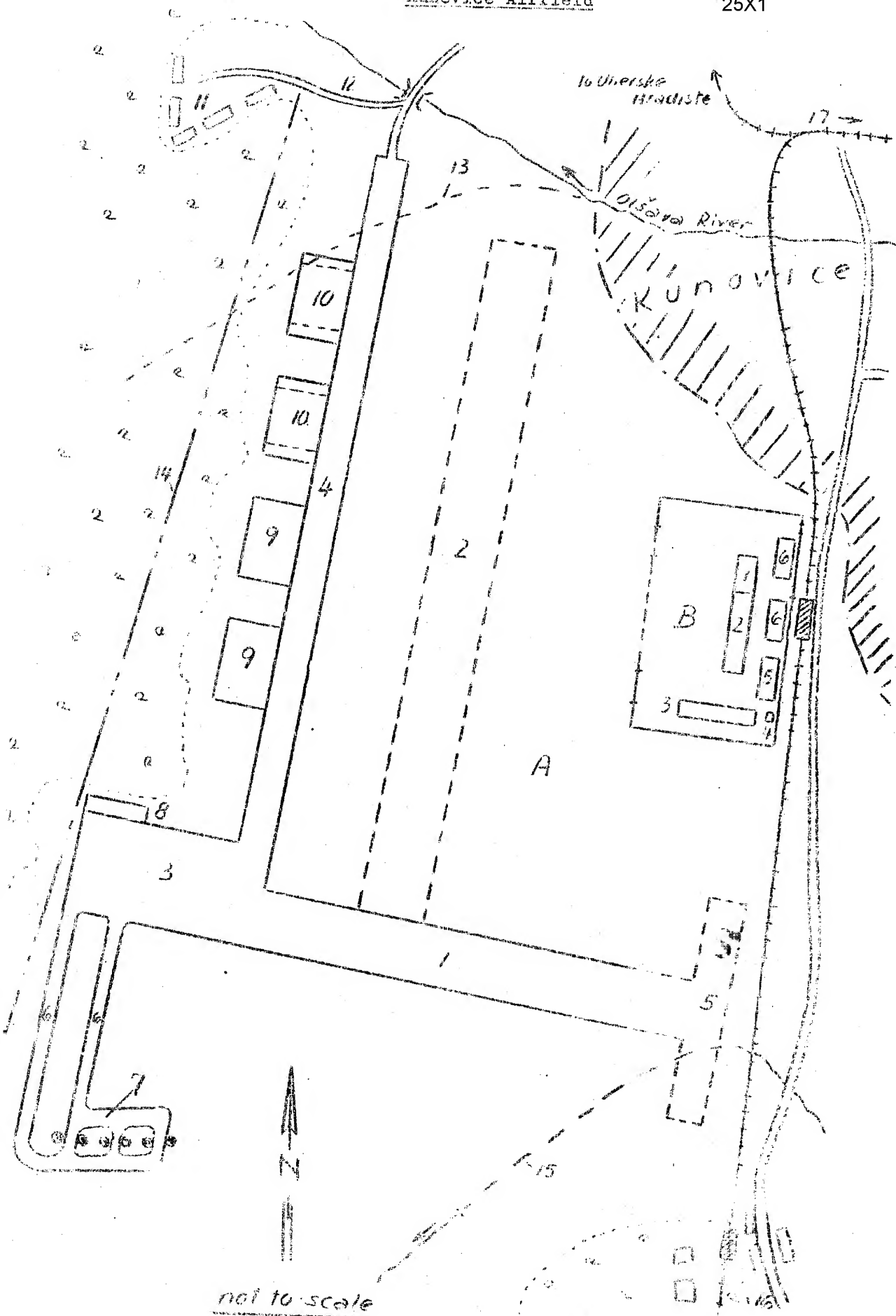
*** [] Comment. For location of transmitter, see Annex 2. The reported type of construction does not indicate that the installation is a radar set. It possibly is a transmitting station which has not been reported previously.

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Kunovice Airfield

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Legend:

A Kunovice Airfield

- 1 E-W runway, about 1,300 meters long, of which the eastern strip of 150 meters was not yet concreted
- 2 N-S runway, about 1,400 meters long, excavated and filled with broken stones
- 3 Concrete apron, about 150 x 400 meters
- 4 Concrete taxiway, about 1,500 meters long
- 5 Construction site for the taxiway: an area of 50 x 400 meters was excavated
- 6 Two communication lanes, each about 15 meters wide, to the refuelling installation
- 7 Refuelling installation with six pumps
- 8 Three-story building, probably the flight control station and administrative building
- 9 Two hangars of which only steel structures are completed
- 10 Two completed hangars, steel structures with brick nogging, housing workshops, 10 meters wide
- 11 Five barracks including two under construction
- 12 New asphalt road, about 9 meters wide
- 13 Old bed of Olšava River, filled up and levelled
- 14 Drainage canal
- 15 Brook piped through concrete pipes
- 16 Village of Lazne Ostrozska Nova Ves and railroad station
- 17 Kunovice railroad station

B Kunovice aircraft plant

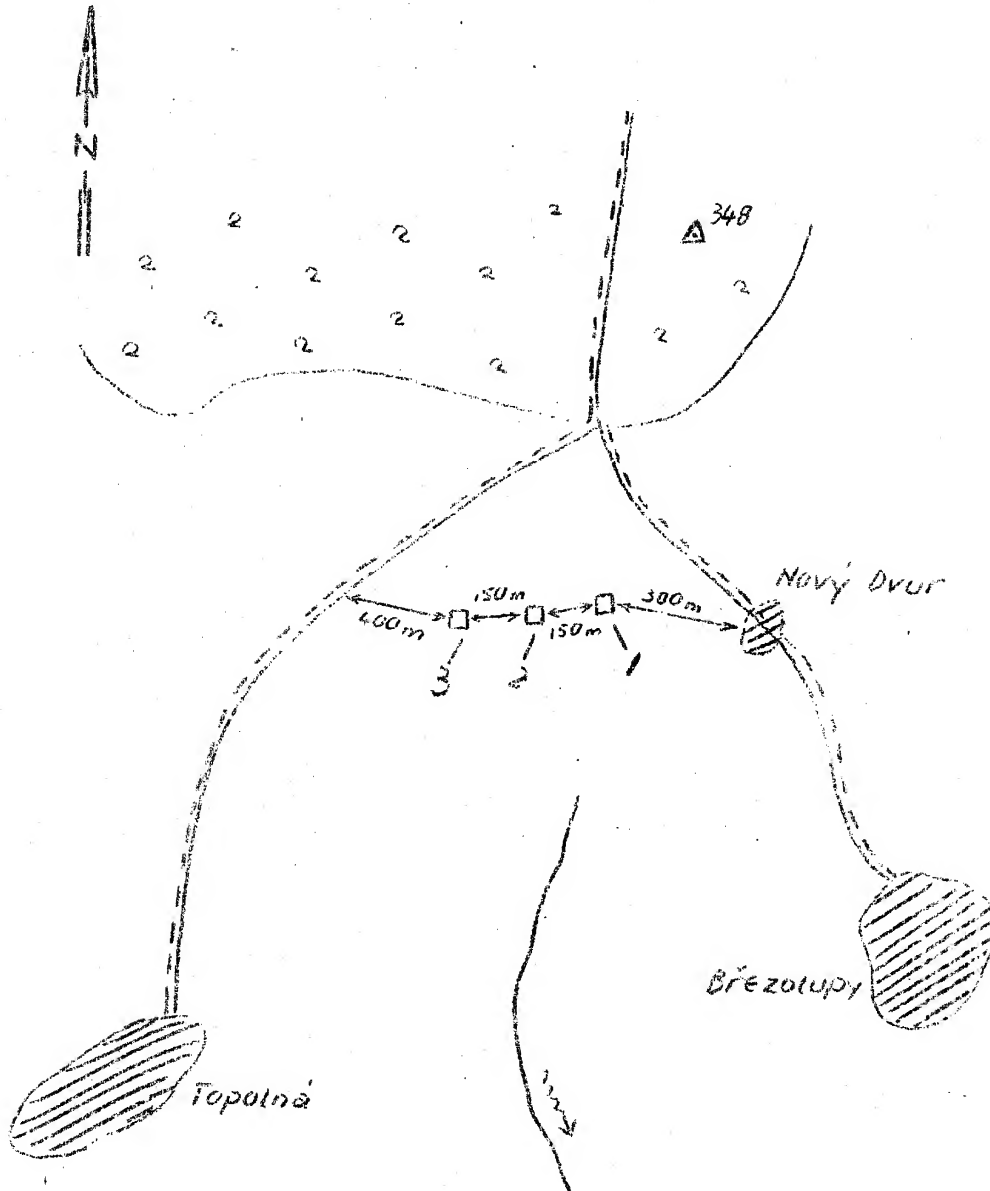
- 1 Two-story factory, about 30 x 50 meters
- 2 New workshop, about 30 x 100 meters, used as press room, in operation since 1949
- 3 New assembly shop, about 25 x 80 meters, in use since 1949, automatic lathes, milling and grinding machines on both floors
- 4 Lodge
- 5 Two-story building, about 25 x 50 meters, housing offices
- 6 Two two-story factories, each about 25 x 50 meters

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Transmitting Station Near Topolna



Legend:

- 1 Mast about 50 meters high
- 2 Two-story building and three-story annex,
12 x 30 meters
- 3 Construction site

not to scale